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TAGS: PDEV, RH, UK, US, BC

SUBJECT: GOB VIEWS ON LUSAKA MEETING

REF: GABORONE 2059

1. YOUR CABLE FLAGGING POSSIBLE OPENING CREATED BY
MACHEL'S COMMENTS ON "NEUTRAL ARMY" WAS HELPFUL IN
REINFORCING OUR PERCEPTION THAT MACHEL MAY BE MOVING
AWAY FROM ALL-OUT SUPPORT FOR MUGABE AND SERIOUSLY
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CONSIDERING HELPING FINESSE OBSTACLES TO A COMPROMISE
SETTLEMENT. WE INTEND TO FOLLOW UP WHATEVER OPENING
THIS REPRESENTS. HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT AS CONVINCED AS
MOGWE THAT MACHEL'S REFERENCE IN WHAT WAS ADMITTEDLY
A CONFUSING INTERCHANGE INDICATES A RADICAL DEPARTURE
FROM HIS PREVIOUS POSITION OR THE INTRODUCTION OF A
MAJOR NEW ELEMENT.

2. UK HIGH COMMISSIONER IS CORRECT THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN POLICY AT THIS POINT IS TO LEAVE THE QUESTION OF PRECISE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW ARMY TO THE RESIDENT COMMISSIONER AND COMMANDERS UNDER HIS AEGIS BUT WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE NEW ARMY WILL BE BASED ON THE LIBERATION FORCES. TO A CONSIDERABLE EXTENT "NYERERE'S

ARMY" REMAINS AN UNKNOWN QUANTITY, AND ANY INTRODUCTION OF IT INTO SETTLEMENT AS "NEUTRAL FORCE" WOULD DEPEND HEAVILY ON ITS BEING PERCEIVED AND ACCEPTED AS SUCH BY ALL SIDES.

3. WE HOPE THAT BY THIS TIME MOGWE WILL HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE UK WHITE PAPER AND DR. OWEN'S PRESS STATEMENT ON LAW AND ORDER. SHOULD HE NONETHELESS RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN YOU SHOULD SAY:

(A) THAT THE DISCUSSIONS CONTEMPLATED IN ARTICLE 11 OF THE BASIC PROPOSALS SHOULD PRODUCE A SITUATION IN WHICH A LARGE SCALE NEUTRAL FORCE SHOULD BE UNNECESSARY, WITH A UN ZIMBABWE FORCE FILLING SUCH A ROLE DURING THIS TRANSITION.

(B) THE PROPOSED NEW ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ARMY WOULD BECOME AN IMPORTANT NEUTRAL FORCE BACKING A FREELY CONFIDENTIAL

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ELECTED GOVERNMENT.

(C) THIS REMAINS AN IMPORTANT MATTER ON WHICH BOTSWANA'S VIEWS ARE WELCOME.

(D) WE HOPE THAT BOTSWANA, AS A FRONT LINE STATE, WILL SUPPORT THE RHODESIA PROPOSALS AND HELP CONVINCE MACHEL THAT THEY TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED, WHICH HE IDENTIFIED, OF HAVING A NEUTRAL FORCE. VANCE

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